

# NEVADA EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS THE KATIE BECKETT ELIGIBILITY OPTION

### **The Katie Beckett Eligibility Option**

Under 134 of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA), States are allowed to make Medicaid benefits available to eligible children with disabilities who would not ordinarily qualify for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits because of parents' income or resources.

The "Katie Beckett Eligibility Option" is an optional Medicaid eligibility category **which allows a State to waive parental income and resources** for any child under 19 years old who is disabled and requires a level of care that would make the child eligible for placement in a hospital, nursing facility, or Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR).

If a child qualifies for Medicaid under the Katie Beckett Eligibility Option, Medicaid covers medically necessary services as defined under the Medicaid State Plan.

There is a monetary limit to the Medicaid medical coverage costs. The cost of the child's care in the home must be no greater than the amount Medicaid would pay if the child was institutionalized.

Applications for Medicaid under the Katie Beckett Eligibility Option are made through the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (the phone numbers are listed on the back of this sheet.) Be sure you take school and medical records, verification of income for you and your child, and some verification of the severity of your child's disability to your appointment. Your early intervention service

coordinator or eligibility caseworker can assist you in locating these items if you need help.

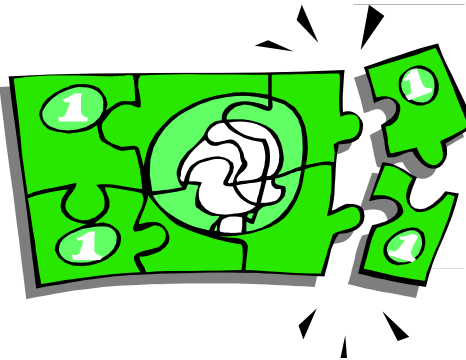
### **What is my cost?**

There may be a parental financial responsibility based on the parent's income and resources for those children qualifying under the Katie Beckett Eligibility Option. The amount of money that the

parents would be required to pay is determined by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services and is based on a sliding fee schedule.

### **How to apply:**

- Apply for SSI for the child with the Social Security Administration (SSA)
- Apply for Medicaid for the child with the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services by filling out the Medical Assistance for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (MAABD) application. Advise the caseworker that you are applying for the Katie Beckett Eligibility Option
- When completing these applications, fill out the applications as if the child is applying him/herself for SSI and Medicaid
- **Do not leave any questions unanswered**, as unanswered questions delay actions on applications. If necessary, print N/A



**If you have questions about ANY of these programs or services, ask your service coordinator to assist you.**

# Your Service Coordinator May Help You Access The Katie Beckett Eligibility Option

## Criteria for the Katie Beckett Eligibility Option:

- The child must be disabled based on Social Security Disability Standards, but not qualify for SSI due to the income or resources of the parent(s).
- The child must require a level of care that is provided in a hospital, nursing facility, or Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded
- A physician must validate that it is safe and appropriate for the child to receive necessary services in the home

***If the child is denied Medicaid under the Katie Beckett Eligibility Option, call your local community resource numbers listed on this page to get information about other programs and or services that might be available for the child.***

## Community Resource Numbers

Carson City	(775) 684-0800
Elko	(775) 753-1233
Ely	(775) 289-1650
Fallon	(775) 423-3161
Hawthorne	(775) 945-3602
Henderson	(702) 486-5000
Las Vegas - Belrose	(702) 486-1675
Las Vegas - Cambridge	(702) 486-8770
Las Vegas - Cannon/DI Center	(702) 486-8504
Las Vegas - Owens	(702) 486-1800
Las Vegas - S. Professional Dev. Ctr.	(702) 486-1401
Pahrump	(775) 751-7400
Reno - North Professional Dev. Ctr.	(775) 448-5238
Reno District	(775) 684-7200
Winnemucca	(775) 623-6557
Yerington	(775) 463-3028

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**Project ASSIST**  
Toll Free: 1-800-522-0066

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